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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF HOTLINE CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 101760

¶1. This is an action request. Post is requested to convey, under cover of a diplomatic note, the information at para 2 to appropriate host government officials. Post assistance is appreciated.

¶2. Text of diplomatic note:

Complimentary opening ...and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's previous note number MFA/113/08, dated September 29, 2008. The Embassy notes that the Russian proposal to modify the last sentence of Article 5 of the proposed Agreement is acceptable to the U.S. side. The sentence should thus read, "The activities of the Parties under this Agreement are made subject to the availability of funds appropriated for such purposes."

The Embassy further notes that Under Secretary for Political Affairs, William J. Burns, will sign the Agreement with the Russian side in Washington, DC at the Department of State on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 10:45. Please convey the name of the representative who will sign for the Russian side.

Complimentary closing

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